



BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers was called to order by President Amy Ellwood at 9:37 a.m. at the Community College of Southern Nevada, West Charleston Campus, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd, Building 118, Las Vegas, Nevada. There was a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the University of Nevada, Reno, System Computing Services Building, Room 2, 1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada which was also available to any public member who wished to observe or participate. President Ellwood noted that the meeting had been noticed properly and that the four members present constituted a quorum for the purposes of the Board meeting. A motion was made by Anne Rhu and seconded by Ann Coleman to approve the agenda as presented.

Members Present

Amy Ellwood, LCSW President in Las Vegas
Ann Coleman, LASW Secretary-Treasurer in Las Vegas
Randall Reinoso, LSW Member in Las Vegas
Anne Rhu, Public Member in Las Vegas

Members Absent

Gil Johnstone, LASW Vice President (Excused)

Staff Present

Rosalind Tuana, Executive Director in Reno
Henna Rasul, Deputy Attorney General

Consent Agenda

A. Licensure/Internship Applications

1. Ratification of Approved License Applications (Attachment 1)
2. Ratification of Denied License Applications (Attachment 1)
3. Ratification of Approval of Internship Applications (Attachment 1)
4. Ratification of Denied Internship Applications (Attachment 1)

B. Continuing Education

1. Ratification of Approved Continuing Education Programs
2. Ratification of Denied Continuing Education Programs

ACTION: A motion was made by Anne Rhu and seconded by Randy Reinoso to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion PASSED unanimously.

Disciplinary Matters

Collin McCloy, LCSW G04-01 and G04-03 Request to amend consent decree to change the provision for a mentor from a Board approved Clinical Social Worker to a Board approved licensed mental health professional for the purpose of the consent decree.

The Executive Director reported that Mr. McCloy had submitted this request to amend his consent decree to allow any licensed mental health professional to act as monitor on his consent decree because he lived in Wyoming where there were limited mental health professionals in the state and he was having a hard time finding a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Randy Reinoso asked what the requirements for professional counselors in Wyoming were. President Ellwood indicated that she would have no concerns

with approving a psychologist or a clinical social worker but was hesitant about other mental health professionals. After further discussion, a motion was made by Randy Reinoso and seconded by Ann Coleman to approve the request of Mr. McCloy to amend his consent decrees (G04-01 and G04-03) to allow a Board approved licensed mental health professional to provide the mentoring required by the consent decree. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Attorney General Report

Henna Rasul introduced herself to the Board. She is the new Board counsel. She indicated that she has been with the Attorney General's office for 6 years and has spend the last 4.5 years in the tax division.

Disciplinary Matters Continued

Disciplinary Report

The Executive Director reviewed the disciplinary report with the Board. She noted that the Board currently has 20 complaints. Two formal complaints have been sent on the two oldest cases. She anticipated that the Board would hear the matters in February.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education Review of Policies and Regulations - Report by Gil Johnstone

The Executive Director noted that Ms. Johnstone was unable to attend and therefore she would be giving the report. She reported that Ms. Johnstone and she had met and were in the process of reviewing the current regulations, forms and some of the requirements that the national providers are using. They also in the process of reviewing the ASWB list of providers approved for on-line and home study to see how many of them would meet the current Board requirements. They are also reviewing possible methods of outreach to the social workers through the webpage and newsletters included with renewal notices, Ms Tuana indicated that should have some specific proposal by the next meeting. .

Requests for re-evaluation of denial

***Transforming the Difficult Child* 505-26**

The Executive Director indicated that this item had been on the agenda for the last meeting but was tabled because the item had not been denoted as an action item. The Board reviewed the request to reconsider their denial of the continuing education course *Transforming the Difficult Child*, 505-26. After review of the additional material submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Ann Coleman and seconded by Randy Reinoso to uphold the decision of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

***Redirecting Children's Behavior* 705-17**

The Board reviewed the request to reconsider their denial of the continuing education course *Redirecting Children's Behavior*, 705-17. After review of the additional material submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Randy Reinoso and seconded by Anne Coleman to uphold the decision of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

***Addressing Disparities through Social Work Practice* 1005-13**

The Board reviewed the request to reconsider their denial of the continuing education course *Addressing Disparities through Social Work Practice*, 1005-13. After review of the additional material submitted and discussion, a motion was made by Anne Coleman and seconded by Anne Rhu to uphold

the decision of the Board. Motion passed unanimously. The Board noted that an examination at the end of an on-line or home study does not meet the definition of interactive.

Review of Possible Regulation Changes – Report by Gil Johnstone

The Executive Director indicated that she would be giving the report since Ms. Johnstone was not available. She noted that Ms. Johnstone and she had reviewed the regulation carefully particularly in the area of the continuing education. Most of the recommended changes that are being considered appear to be housekeeping, definitions, and continuing education. She anticipates that they will have a draft for the Board by the next meeting.

Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Fall ASWB Meeting, November 4-6 Delegate Report: Gil Johnstone

This item was table since Ms. Johnstone was not available

Board Operations

Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2005

The Board members reviewed the September 16, 2005 minutes. A motion was made by Anne Rhu and seconded by Ann Colman to approve the Board meeting minutes for the September 16, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Approval of Audit Report After review of the final Audit report prepared by Charles A. Morrison, CPA, a motion was made by Randy Reinoso and seconded by Anne Rhu to approve the audit report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve 2005/06 After review of budget for year 2005/2006, a motion was made by Ann Coleman and seconded by Anne Rhu to approve the 2005/2006 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director's Report

Matters related to office management

The Executive Director noted that she will be taking vacation time throughout this month because she was in danger of losing the vacation time. She noted that the office was running smoothly.

Personnel Matters

The Executive Director reported that her evaluation will be on the agenda next month. There have been no changes in staff.

Approve Meeting Schedule for year 2006.

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for year 2006. Amy Ellwood noted that she was not available on March 10. The schedule was adjusted accordingly. A motion was made by Randy Reinoso and seconded by Anne Rhu to approve the proposed meeting schedule as amended. Motion passed unanimously. The next regularly meeting is January 13, 2006.

Other Matters of Interest to the Board

The Executive Director noted that she had nothing to report under this item.

Election of Board Officers (NRS 641B.120)

A motion was made by Anne Rhu and seconded by Randy Reinoso to postpone this item until the next Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer's Report

President Ellwood indicated that two Board members will be leaving the Board in June. She recommended that Board members begin thinking of potential Board members for the Board to recommend to the Governor.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

ACTION: A motion was made by Ann Coleman and seconded by Anne Rhu to adjourn the meeting at 10.45 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully prepared by

Rosalind Tuana
Executive Director